

## The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1904.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southern* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southern* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The State's adoption of school books seems to be a fruitful source of corruption and each time that a State adopts a list of text books for a term of years an ugly scandal is developed. The State of Georgia adopted text books a few weeks ago and now that State is being stirred by charges of corruption and bribery. The *Augusta Chronicle* has made the direct charge that the two publishing companies to whom the contract was given by the commission, for furnishing practically all the text books, contributed money to the campaign funds of members of the school book commission when they were candidates for election and that those companies employed attorneys who are intimately associated with members of the commission. The charge is boldly and uncompromisingly made and the commission is challenged to demand an investigation, the editor of the *Chronicle* pledging himself to furnish the information upon which the charges are made. It is a dirty piece of business, but Georgia is not peculiar in this respect except that there seems to be the probability of proving that the decision of the commission was purchased. It is a well known fact that when the adoption was made in this State three years ago the school book houses poured out money like water and that Columbia was overrun with school book agents and lobbyists, some houses having a dozen or more representatives on the ground. There may not have been a resort to bribery in South Carolina and the charge has never been made with any backing of proof, but at the time there was not a little talk concerning the crowd of book agents in Columbia and the methods used by them.

## GOV. HEYWARD'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Heyward's first message to the General Assembly is a lengthy paper and goes into details in reviewing the condition of affairs in the State during the past year. He quotes largely from the annual reports of the State officers and from the report of the special commissioner appointed at the last session of the Legislature to investigate the tax problem and to devise means for equalizing taxation and at the same time increase the revenue of the State. He says that he has been unable to discover any way of reducing the expenses of the State government without crippling existing institutions or impairing the efficiency of the government. He asserts that if all property were returned for taxation at its full value as the law requires the income of the State would be ample for all purposes and there would be no necessity for increasing the levy or for seeking new sources of income by taxation. The trouble is that boards of assessors fail to perform their duty and permit property owners to make incorrect returns for the purpose of dodging taxes.

The Governor recommends that counties be allowed to vote bonds for the purpose of building good roads; urges that an immigration bureau be established, suggests that provision be made for technical training in the public schools, and that night schools be established in the mill districts and elsewhere where needed.

He recommends that the appropriation of \$20,000 for the Wade Hampton monument be made immediately available and that work be proceeded with at once without waiting longer for the popular subscription to be raised.

He recommends that the law allowing special terms of court to be held be repealed and that at least two new circuits be established.

He urges that an appropriation be made for an exhibit of the State's resources at the St. Louis Exposition and comments upon the value of such an exhibit and the injury that would result if the State is unrepresented.

Gov. Heyward comes out decidedly in favor of biennial sessions of the Legislature and gives strong reasons for his position.

Another recommendation that he makes that is worthy of serious consideration is that steps be taken to protect our forests against wanton and wasteful destruction, as is the suggestion that the shad and oyster industries of the State should be protected and fostered.

## THE LEGISLATURE MEETS.

House and Senate Organized for Business—Governor's Message Read.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—The House met at noon and after prayer by Chaplain Pratt, Speaker Smith delivered a short address. Mr. W. T. Aycock of Richmond was sworn in as the successor of John McMaster deceased.

Three dispensary directors, two penitentiary directors, a liquor commissioner, and one associate justice are to be elected and a resolution was adopted

referring the matter to the committee on privileges and elections to fix a time for holding said elections.

The Governor's message was then read.

After the reading of the message, a special message was received from the governor and a joint resolution from the senate, suggesting suitable action in memory of General Gordon. A member of the executive chamber, a member of the supreme court bench, three senators and five representatives will attend the services Thursday.

Speaker Smith at once announced his appointments, all of them being Confederate soldiers: Messrs. Tribble, James Brooks, Jeremiah, Smith and King.

Representative Johnson introduced a bill requiring all corporations to make annual reports. The House then adjourned until tomorrow noon.

## THE SENATE.

The Senate convened and organized at noon.

Mr. G. J. Holliday of Horry was sworn in to succeed Mr. McDermott, who resigned since the last session.

President Sloan made a brief address and committee was appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business and when they reported the message was read.

Mr. Mayfield introduced a resolution requesting supervisors to attend the good roads convention and that the legislature pay their railroad fares. The resolution went on the calendar.

After the reading of a special message in reference to the death of Gen. Gordon a resolution of Senator Aldrich providing for a delegation to attend the funeral was adopted. The Senate then adjourned.

## POLITICAL GOSSIP

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Some of the Things That Are Talked About by Politicians and Others in the National Capitol.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Time was when greybeards and bald heads ruled the United States Senate. They are still there, but the sceptre of influence has largely passed to the very youngest members. The wisdom which often comes of years and experience is always potent, and for thirty years the men whose word was law in the Senate were mostly graduates of the Federal and Confederate armies during the Civil War. They wore scars and crutches. But the men who draw great audiences to the galleries when it is announced that they will speak are now men who were very young babies in arms during that period—fellows in "the roaring forties": on the republican side Dolliver, (45) and Beveridge, (41); on the Democratic side, Carmack, (45) and Bailey (40). Nothing finer or more spirited can be heard than a discussion in which these are pitted against each other. An apparent exception of young and vigorous minds in aged tenements are Hoar and Morgan, who, though old enough to be the grandfathers of those just mentioned, are ready to meet all comers at any moment.

They are knocking at the door again—Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma—and the tattoo is likely to become very loud during the present session. The last named has shown such amazingly quick developments that she is liable to creep in if the Congressional lathstring is left out at all. By the way, what a shockingly clumsy and meaningless name New Mexico is! Is it not high time that American states and cities should be christened without being named after other countries, as if they were only weak limitations? To call the new State Franklin, or even Albuquerque—awkward as this name is—would be vastly better. New Mexico, forsooth!

Senator Morgan began his much heralded speech on the Panama canal Thursday and did not seem at all disconcerted by the fact that there was a very thin attendance of the Senate. It was the first studied arraignment of the conduct of the administration that has been made, and the review of the situation was comprehensive and somewhat caustic. He made one revelation which attracted thoughtful attention of the Republicans: The fact that the republic of Colombia did her utmost to meet the wishes of the United States concerning the Panama canal. It is true that her Congress adjourned without ratifying the treaty that was being negotiated; but the abundant reason was given that under the existing constitution she was prevented from alienating any part of her territory. Her officials offered to secure an amendment to the fundamental law that would allow her to surrender to us the permanent sovereignty over the canal zone. This was characterized by Secretary Hay as dilatory and insulting, and, refusing to wait, the President gave orders to send ships and soldiers to prevent Colombia from asserting her sovereignty. The Senator asserted that if the United States would withhold its hand, in obedience to international law, Colombia would immediately suppress and drive out the eight filibusterers and adventures and their train of Indians and negroes who now constitute "the republic of Panama."

Colombia has applied to the French government and courts for an injunction to prevent the transfer to the United States of the canal properties and franchises now owned by French citizens under concession from the Colombian government. The news made an obvious sensation yesterday around the Capitol.

The French ambassador to this country has tendered to our government, from the ladies of France, a replica of the bust of Washington which was formerly destroyed by fire in the Capitol. It was by the famous David.

The Senate yesterday began a discussion of the resolution for a congressional investigation of post-office frauds. Republicans oppose it on the ground that the Post Office Department can find out and punish its own frauds; Democrats warmly advocate it on the ground that a committee wholly Republican cannot be trusted to expose Republican frauds, that congressional investigations are popular and thorough, and that such an investigation would show what remedial legislation is required to prevent the recurrence of such plundering.

U. S. Senator Dietrich (Republican) of Nebraska, on trial in Omaha for bribery, in a postoffice appointment, makes defense that he had not taken the oath of office as Senator at the time. Ex-Congressman E. H. Driggs of New York, was convicted by a jury on Friday of accepting \$12,500 to procure a contract between the automatic cash-register company and the Postoffice department whereby a large number of machines not needed were bought. The defense was that he didn't mean to, and Judge Thomas said he would "make the sentence as light as possible."

The President's appointment of James Tanner, the famous "Corporal" to be Register of Wills here will stand in spite of the remonstrance of the office-holders' newspaper and half a dozen wealthy bankers. It is understood that Dent (superseded) claims to be in some way related or connected with the family of Mrs. Grant. Tanner is one of the liveliest and most aggressive of Republican orators and he stumps it in a double or triplet sense, having lost both legs at the ankle while lying on his face and holding his heels too high at the second battle of Bull Run. He gets around easily on his two basswood feet but is always in pain.

The Kansas State Republican Convention will be the first on record for Roosevelt.

## BURGLAR CAPTURED.

Warren Nelson Makes a Bold But Unsuccessful Effort to Rob O'Donnell & Co.'s Store.

Warren Nelson, a young negro man who was raised in the Stateburg neighborhood but has been living in this city for some time made a bold and cleverly planned attempt to rob the store of O'Donnell & Co., last Friday night but was discovered while in the store by Policeman Pierson and captured. Nelson entered the store by breaking into the engine room on the south side of the main building and went through the belt hole in the wall into the store. The belt hole is about 26 long and 16 inches wide, but has iron bars across it six inches apart and Nelson had such a tight squeeze to get through that he stripped to the skin and left all his clothes in the engine room, except his trousers which he pushed through the hole ahead of him and donned after getting inside the store. Even after removing his clothing he had difficulty in squeezing between the bars and a part of the skin on his back and chest was scraped off.

Once inside the store he proceeded to make a big haul and before he was discovered had collected \$118.05 worth of clothing and other goods and \$1.65 in cash which he found in the till. A part of the goods he had thrown through the belt hole into the engine room and the balance were piled on the floor.

Policeman Pierson deserves much credit for the capture, it being due entirely to his watchfulness that Nelson did not succeed in getting away with the goods. He was making the rounds on his beat about 2 o'clock and after having inspected all the back lots on the stores on Liberty street was on Main street in front of the Horn Dry Goods store, when he heard a noise like something falling inside a store. He walked on up Main street as far as the corner of Liberty looking carefully into each store as he passed, but neither seeing nor hearing anything suspicious he returned to the Horn store and then went to the door of O'Donnell's dry goods department. The store being brilliantly lighted he had an unobstructed view to the back door. There was no one in sight and he then went to the door of the grocery department and in a moment he saw Nelson coming down the stairway with nothing on except a pair of pants. There was a Kitson light within a few feet of the stairway and Nelson was in full view of the front door showing that he was not only a bold thief but discounted the watchfulness of the police. Officer Pierson called Officers Gallagher and McKagan to his assistance and stationing Mr. Gallagher at the front, went with Mr. McKagan to the back door. Nelson was in the act of breaking the lock of the back door and they stood there for several minutes while he worked at it. Mr. Pierson started to slip around to the engine room and in doing so made a slight noise which alarmed Nelson and he ran upstairs. Mr. O'Donnell was notified and he came down and opened the store. Nelson was found after a long search, hiding up stairs in the middle of a pile of clothing over which a sheet was spread. Before hiding he had put on several coats having become tired of his airy costume.

Nelson was put in the guard house and was on Saturday committed to jail by Magistrate Wells, after a preliminary hearing.

## HORRIBLE CASE OF INFANTICIDE.

Body of Mulatto Infant, Partly Devoured by Dogs, Found in Suburbs of City.

Henry Hurst made a horrible discovery on Mr. W. M. Graham's farm Friday afternoon. He found the body of an infant, partly eaten by dogs, in a briar patch where it had evidently been lying for several days. The body was naked and as there were no clothes found in the vicinity it would seem that it was thrown there by some unfeeling wretch in that condition.

As soon as he found the baby Henry Hurst called two other men who were at work at Mr. Graham's barn and showed the body to them. He then notified Coroner Flowers who had the body removed to Ned Peterson's undertaking shop, at which place the inquest was held Saturday morning.

Henry Hurst stated the facts as to the finding of the body and Dr. Stuckey who was called in by the Coroner to make an examination of the body also testified.

Dr. Stuckey stated that in his opinion the body was a mulatto and only a few days old. That it had lived a short time after birth—from one to five days, how long it was impossible to determine accurately. The sex of the child could not be determined owing to the mutilation of the body before discovery.

The jury rendered a verdict that, the infant came to its death from causes unknown to the jury." There is absolutely no clue to the parentage of the child and no one seems to know what steps to take to discover and bring to justice those who killed it and then exposed its body to the dogs and buzzards in so inhuman a manner. That the baby was murdered there can be no doubt, and energetic measures should be adopted to discover the guilty wretches.

## Oswego Circuit.

Rev. G. Whitaker, the new pastor of Oswego Circuit will preach at Lewis chapel next Sunday, Jan. 17, at 11 a. m., and also at Zion at 4 p. m., of the same day.

## Notice, Confederate Veterans.

Dick Anderson Chapter Daughters Confederacy will give out Crosses of Honor at the Opera House at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, Jan. 19th. After the exercises are over lunch will be served at Armory Hall.

Agnes Bogin, Sec. County papers please copy.

WANTED, Persimmon, Dogwood, Hickory and Holly Logs. Freight paid on carloads. JAMES COCKSHOTT, Charleston, S. C. Oct 21—4m.

WANTED—Faithful person to travel for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$20.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 330 Dearborn street, Chicago. Nov. 11

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## TRESPASS NOTICE.

ALL hunting or other trespassing on lands of the undersigned is hereby forbidden under penalty of law. J. J. Brunson, W. J. Durant, R. R. Durant, Jas. Reeves, T. B. Brunson, L. B. Yates. Jan 6—2t\*

## TAX RETURNS FOR 1904.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER COUNTY.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 5, 1903. Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1904.

At Office, Sumter, S. C., at all other times up to February 20th, 1904, inclusive.

Gordon's Mill, January 6th. Tindal's Store, Thursday, January 7. Privateer, (Jenkins' Store,) Friday January 8.

Manchester, (Thos. A. Gardiner's,) Friday, January 8. Wedgefield, Saturday, January 9. Stateburg, Saturday, January 9. Hagood, Tuesday, January 12. Rembert, Wednesday, January 13. Dalzell, Thursday, January 14. Mayesville, Monday, January 11. Shiloh, Tuesday, January 12. Norwood's Cross Roads, Wednesday, January 13.

Oswego, Friday, January 15. All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date, and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent. J. DIGGS WILDER, dec 9 Auditor Sumter County.

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Master's Sale. PUBLIC SALE

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Catherine M. Werber against W. O. Cain, in his own right and as Guardian, Marion Moise, William M. Cain, S. R. Cain, Carrie E. George, Helen E. Ramsey, Thomas J. Jackson, B. J. Jackson, and J. B. Harvin, I will sell to the highest bidder at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in said county and State, on sale day in February, 1904, being the first day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate and personal property, to wit:

1st. All that tract of land situate in the County of Sumter, State aforesaid, containing one hundred and thirty-three acres, bounded on the north by lands of H. D. Cain, south by lands John J. Rowland, and Isaac Ballard, east by estate of R. B. Cain, known as the "Mill Tract," and west by land of A. J. China.

2d. All that tract of land situate in said county and State, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, bounded north by lands of J. S. Richardson, south by lands of J. R. Cain, east by lands of F. M. Mellett and by the estate of R. M. Cain and west by land of J. T. Jackson.

Except the ninety-five acres of land heretofore conveyed to Jane Rose and David Nathaniel.

Also eight shares of stock in the Investment Association of the par value of \$10 each. I will also sell on Tuesday, the 2d day of February, at the residence of the late James Manigault, during the usual hours of sale, the personal property of the estate of the said decedent.

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

H. FRANK WILSON, Master for Sumter County.

OF A VALUABLE and very productive plantation comprising two tracts, situated in the Waxhaw District of Lancaster County, South Carolina, and known as the Waxhaw Plantation or Witherspoon Place, and Cureton Lands respectively, the former being 1266½ acres, more or less, and the latter 372 acres, more or less in area, and both tracts adjoin. This land is about 9 miles from Lancaster Court House, on the Charlotte Road and also not very far distant from Waxhaw on the Seaboard Air Line. The soil is red clay and very fertile. This plantation is also well adapted for stock-raising. The Waxhaw Plantation is the historic birth-place of General Andrew Jackson.

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction on Monday, the first day of February 1904, in front of the Court House door at one o'clock p. m., at Lancaster C. H., S. C., all the above described two tracts of land, a more particular description of which can be found in the Lancaster Ledger and Lancaster Review of Lancaster, C. H., S. C. The Waxhaw Plantation, firstly above described has been subdivided into six tracts, and, if not sold as a whole, will be offered in tracts according to a plat, a copy of which can be seen at the office of the Watchman and Southern. Improvements consist of tenement houses and out-buildings scattered over the lands.

Terms of sale. One fourth cash, balance in equal yearly instalments of one, two, three, four and five years, or all cash at the option of the purchaser; the credit payments to bear interest and to be secured to the satisfaction of the owners.

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